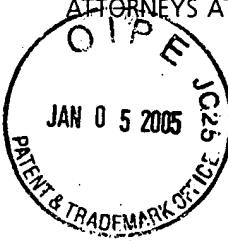




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3. Submission of Drawings;
4. Four sheets of replacement drawings (Figs. 1, 2, 3A, 3B, and 4);
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